

City Rolls Out New Recycling Carts

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LANSING, MICH. – Going green will be CARTagious in Lansing now that an easier, more efficient system is in place thanks to new, larger recycling carts.

To celebrate the start of the new program, city officials, CART (Capital Area Recycling & Trash) representatives, community supporters and more gathered at **2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 in Washington Park**, 2516 S. Washington St., in Lansing.

The larger carts, being launched today, mean City of Lansing residents can easily increase the amount of materials they recycle. With the new program, tonnage is expected to double, officials announced.

"I'm so proud of the great work Lansing residents do each and every day to keep our great city and our planet green," said Mayor Virg Bernero. "Lansing has been a leader in Mid-Michigan with the single stream recycling program and now we are taking it one step further. The new carts not only lead to a more efficient recycling program, but they will help residents recycle even more – keeping Lansing clean and green. Recycling is beneficial because it saves natural resources, conserves energy and reduces the amount of material headed to our local landfills. This program is another great example of how Lansing is leading the way in green technology."

The new carts hold more materials than the old green bins, eliminating the need for multiple trips to the curb and are designed with easy roll wheels and a hinged lid that makes recycling effortless. They will be picked up curbside every other week. Residents are asked to recycle their old bins or keep for personal use. There is no additional cost to residents for the new program.

"The carts make recycling more convenient for residents and at the same time create a safer and more efficient system for the City of Lansing," said Chad Gamble, P.E., Director of Public Service for the City of Lansing. "Truck operators will no longer have to empty bins by hand, making their jobs safer and reducing injuries. A more efficient collection also means lower emissions and less wear and tear on City streets."

Guests at the celebration got a sneak peek of the more than 30,000 carts before they were delivered to residents, a look at the automatic pickup process and more.

CART's mission is to provide an efficient recycling, yard waste and refuse collection system which encourages environmentally responsible behavior learned through consistent outreach efforts, as well as continuous, community-based educational activities, all of which contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment and enhance the quality of life for those who live and work in the city of Lansing. For more info visit www.lansingrecycles.com.